

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Such an insert injection can be applied to manufacture of the filter having a simple shape. However, the insert injection may not be applied to manufacture the filter having a complicated shape. More specifically, some consideration is needed to bring the filter into contact with the mold so as to prevent resin from spreading over any portions of the filter, excluding its portions to which resin body is to be formed. The complicated shape of the filter however leads to complication of the mold. There may be a case in which the mold cannot be formed due to its complexity, causing a problem. When an attempt is made to form a resin-molded body on each of the opposite ends of a tubular filter having a complicated shape such as a chrysanthemum shape by the insert injection, a mold placed in the filter cannot be removed, thus causing a problem. It is substantially impossible to apply the ~~[[inert]]~~ insert injection to the opposite ends of such a filter.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 21, with the following amended paragraph:

--In the mold 1 as shown in FIG. 1 for manufacturing the filter element, the semi-curing mold member 4, which is composed of a holding section 5 and a removable section 6, is

placed on the supporting member 3. The holding section 5 of the semi-curing mold member 4 has a ring-shaped groove 7, by which the semi-cured resin is formed in accordance with the shape of the end of the above-mentioned tubular filter 2. The holding section 5 also has a gate 8 formed thereon, for supplying molten resin into the above-mentioned groove 7. The removable section 6 serving as the other structural component of the mold 1 for manufacturing the filter element comes on its upper surface into contact with the holding section 5 so as to liquid-tightly close the groove 7. The removable section 6 is placed on the supporting member 3 so as to be removable after the groove 7 is filled with the resin and then the resin is semi-cured. Even when the removable section 6 is removed, the semi-cured resin is held in the groove 7.--